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SUBJ: COMPENSATION CLAIMS: BELBAGCO

REF: DACCA 4622

1. DURING MY FAREWELL CALL ON GENERAL ZIA LAST NIGHT, I TOLD HIM I WAS SORRY TO HAVE TO BRING IN A PIECE OF CURRENT BUSINESS BUT THE STATE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM ON COMPENSATION CLAIMS AGAIN REQUIRED ME TO DO SO. REMINDING HIM THAT I HAD RAISED THIS MATTER DURING A RECENT MEETING WITH HIM, I SAID WE STILL HAD A PROBLEM IN THE GENERAL CLAIMS AREA BUT PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO BELBAGCO. REVIEWING THE BACKGROUND BRIEFLY, I SAID WE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO ACCEPT BDG POSITION WHICH WAS PARTICULARLY INCONSISTENT WITH POSITION HIS GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN IN SIDE LETTER ON BELBAGCO AT TIME OF OPIC AGREEMENT. THIS MATTER HAD REACHED AN ACUTE STAGE AND THERE WAS REAL CONCERN THAT IT MIGHT BE SUCH AS TO INVOKE THE PROVISIONS OF OUR LAWS REQUIRING US TO STOP ECONOMIC PROGRAMS IF THERE WAS NO PROGRESS TOWARD FAIR COMPENSATION. I SAID WE WERE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SEPTEMBER 15 DEADLINE MIGHT BE APPLIED TO US ON THIS CASE, AND WOULD LIKE AN ASSURANCE THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE DONE.

2. ZIA SAID HE DID NOT THINK I NEEDED TO WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT THIS CLAIM. THEY WANTED TO PAY IT, HE SAID, NOTING
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HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE AMOUNT INVOLVED WAS NOT LARGE

AND THAT WE WERE NOT IN A GREAT HURRY FOR ACTUAL PAYMENT. I CONFIRMED THAT THE AMOUNT WAS RELATIVELY SMALL BUT SAID I WAS NOT AWARE THAT WE WERE NOT IN A HURRY. HE SAID THE PROBLEM WAS A TECHNICAL ONE FOR THEM, AS THEY HAD TO ACT IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT LEAVE THEMSELVES OPEN FOR OTHER CLAIMS IN PAKISTAN. HE SAID HE WOULD SEE TO IT THAT AS A FIRST STEP THE SEPTEMBER 15 DEADLINE DID NOT APPLY TO BELBAGCO, AND THEN THEY WOULD "MANEUVER IT" TO TRY TO GET THE PAYMENT MADE IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO PREJUDICE THEIR GENERAL POSITION WITH RESPECT TO PAKISTAN.

3. ECON COUNSELOR HAS REQUESTED URGENT APPOINTMENT WITH INDUSTRIES SECRETARY MAJID-UL-HAQ AND WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS COMMITMENT IN PRINCIPLE.
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